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23 May 1947

From: Chief, Documents Branch

To : Assistant Director for Operations

1. This office has been informed by Mr. Lawry, Acquisition Division, Office of Technical Services that that office will cease to function as of 30 June and that they are unwilling to accept any further material from us.

2. Request Paragraph 3 of basic communication be cancelled.

  
Chief,  
Documents Branch

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27 May 1947

From: Assistant Director for Operations

To: Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination

As a result of information contained in 3rd indorsement, it is requested that this office be advised as to:

a. What disposition is to be made of documents of the type formerly forwarded to OTS, and

b. The elimination of paragraph 3 of basic communication.

GEORGE G. CAREY  
Deputy Assistant Director  
Office of Operations

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13 May 1947

First Endorsement

TO: Assistant Director  
Office of Operations

SUBJECT: OCD Memorandum entitled "Availability of  
Captured Japanese Scientific and Industrial  
Material to American Industry," dated 9 May  
1947.

- 1) Subject memorandum forwarded herewith.
- 2) ORE concurs with the views expressed by OCD  
in the basic memorandum.

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Assistant Director  
Reports and Estimates

cc: Asst. Director, OCD

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2nd Indorsement

14 May 1947

FROM: Assistant Director for Operations

TO : Chief, Documents Branch

1. For compliance with Paragraph 3 of basic communication.

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Brigadier General, USA  
Assistant Director for Operations

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# Office Memorandum "COPY" UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Assistant Director for Operations  
THRU: Assistant Director for  
FROM : Reports and Estimates  
Assistant Director for Collection and  
SUBJECT: Dissemination  
Availability of Captured Japanese Scientific  
and Industrial Material to American Industry

DATE: 9 May 1947

REFERENCE: (a) Memorandum, subject as above, dated 10 Feb. 47  
from A.D., OCD to Chief, ICAPS (cc to A.D., OO)  
(b) Memorandum from A.D., OCD to A.D., OO, dated  
10 Jan 47, Subject: Requirements and Controls  
Relating to Dissemination of Material in  
Documents Branch, Office of Operations.  
(c) Memorandum from Asst. Exec. Dir. to all Asst.  
Directors and Chief, ICAPS, dated 17 April 47,  
Subject: Functions of the Documents Branch,  
Office of Operations.

1. As stated in Reference (a), Executive Order 9604, dated 27 August 1945, announced that "It is the policy of this Government, subject to the requirements of National Military Security, that there shall be prompt, public, free and general dissemination of enemy scientific and industrial information."

2. This office has been informed that in accordance with recommendations contained in Reference (b), Documents Branch, in January 1947, released to the Office of Technical Services, Department of Commerce between 1300 to 1400 captured Japanese scientific and industrial periodicals. Duplicate copies of these periodicals have been retained in the Documents Branch.

3. It is now the recommendation of this office that the remaining publicly issued captured Japanese scientific and industrial periodicals, which the Documents Branch received in only one copy, be released to the Office of Technical Services. The representative of this office has discussed this recommendation with the Chief, Documents Branch and the latter has indicated his informal concurrence in the proposal.

4. The recommended action would not conflict with, but would rather be in harmony with the function prescribed in Reference (c), viz., cataloging, summarizing and translating current foreign periodicals other than the daily press.

TO: Assistant Director for Operations  
SUBJECT: Availability of Captured Japanese  
Scientific and Industrial Material  
to American Industry.

5. In view of the fact that the periodicals concerned herein were publicly issued in Japan, there appears to be no reason why any of them should be retained by the Documents Branch because of security consideration. In the event any of these publications are desired at a later date for examination as possible sources of intelligence, they will be available at the Library of Congress, inasmuch as the Office of Technical Services, after preparing abstracts of material of this nature for the information of American industry, sends the material to the Library of Congress. The Documents Branch can, of course, obtain copies of the abstracts prepared by the Office of Technical Services for reference purposes.

6. This memorandum is being submitted through the Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates with the request that it be sent forward if there are no objections to the proposal herein, or returned to this office if there is any dissent. It is assumed that Scientific Branch and NDG will have an interest in this matter.

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Captain, U. S. N.  
Assistant Director for  
Collection and Dissemination